



Newsletter

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WELCOME

After disruptions in 2020 with Covid-19, NZISA was privileged to have all its events take place in 2021, in addition to partaking in the inaugural Heritage Hockey Tournament. Luckily these events were all completed before this year's lockdown which started towards the end of August.

2022 marks 60 years of NZISA. This is a fantastic achievement which has seen NZISA grow immensely with the events we hold, the rep fixtures we're involved in, and the ties we've made with the wider sporting community. NZISA recently held their Executive Committee and 60th AGM with planning for next year's events well underway.

This is our last newsletter for the year. Remember to check our website for all event details and updates. We wish everyone a Merry Christmas and New Year, and look forward to your participation and support in 2022.

UPCOMING EVENTS 2022

Cricket Tournament

Sunday 2nd and Monday 3rd January - Rotorua
Hosted by Bay of Plenty Indian Sports Club.

Under 23 Hockey Tournament

Saturday 29th and Sunday 30th January - Auckland
Hosted by Auckland Indian Sports Club.

Executive Meeting

Saturday 26th March - Hamilton
Hosted by Waikato Indian Sports Club.

60th Anniversary Celebration & Awards Night

Date and location to be confirmed.

Queen's Birthday Tournament

Saturday 4th June to Monday 6th June - Christchurch
Hosted by Christchurch Indian Sports Club.

Golf Open

Date to be confirmed - Dannevirke
Hosted by Central Districts Indian Sports Club.

More details will be provided as we get closer.

EXECUTIVE & ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

NZISA held their Executive Meeting and 60th Annual General Meeting on 16 October via Zoom. A productive meeting was held to get things moving for 2022. The following executive and delegates were elected:

Executive

President: Suresh Wallabh (Pukekohe)
Secretary: Chan Dullabh (North Harbour)
Treasurer: Kirit Makan (Pukekohe)

Delegates

Auckland: Raj Pancha, Vinod Patel
Bay of Plenty: Praful Morarji, Dr. Karandeep Lall
Central Districts: Kiran Parbhu, Sanjay Patel, Sandeep Patel
Christchurch: Jaya Bhana, Kalesh Patel
North Harbour: Paresh Bhikha, Husmit Uka, Bhavisha Patel
Pukekohe: Arjune Dahya, Kirit Makan
Waikato: Jayshree Keshvara, Sunita Parsotam
Wellington: Hansa Parbhu, Kishan Naran, Pravin Laloo.

A big thank you to all of the above for their voluntary involvement and support of NZISA.

PRESIDENTS WORDS

This was my ninth year as President which has been great, and which was made easier with the help of Chan and the NZISA Working Groups.

For the second year now we have all had to deal with Covid and trying to run our clubs and committees arounds strict guidelines. Thankfully we were able to hold all our events without too many disruptions.

Thank you to everyone on the committee for your time and effort. I know this year we may have only met via Zoom but all meetings still take time and I thank you for that.

A big thank you to PISC, my home club, for your support and to Chan and all other Executive members for your support.

Suresh Wallabh
NZISA President

NZISA LIFE MEMBERS

Jayant H. Patel
Vinod B. Patel

Magan Ranchhod
Pravin Laloo

Nagin Lala
Hansa Parbhu

Jayanti Keshaw
Ashok Ganda

2022 CRICKET TOURNAMENT

The 2022 NZISA Cricket Tournament is scheduled to be held on **Sunday 2nd and Monday 3rd January** in Rotorua. The event will be hosted by the Bay of Plenty Indian Sports Club.

Given the upcoming change to the Covid traffic light system, more details will be provided as we get closer but the final draw will be posted on the NZISA website and Facebook page once final teams are confirmed, around late December.

Although a cricket representative fixture has not been confirmed yet, those who are selected in the Tournament Team will have a chance to try out for any possible representative fixtures that NZISA may hold in 2022.

2022 UNDER 23 HOCKEY TOURNAMENT

The 2022 Under 23 Hockey Tournament is scheduled to be held on **Saturday 29th and Sunday 30th January** at Lloyd Elsmore Park in Auckland. The event will be hosted by the Auckland Indian Sports Club.

Given the upcoming change to the Covid traffic light system, more details will be provided as we get closer.

Registrations close on 19th December 2021 so please contact your local Indian Sports Club to register your team. The tournament will also be open to a 'Fast-5' Women's competition, which was a success this year.

It is a great event to get the younger players involved prior to the hockey season starting so start gathering your teams.

2021 NATIONAL HONOURS

NZISA would like to congratulate the following who made New Zealand honours in various sports over the past year:

- Ajaz Patel - Cricket, Men's Blackcaps
- Ish Sodhi - Cricket, Men's Blackcaps
- Jared Panchia - Hockey, Men's Black Sticks
- Jude Menezes - Hockey, Women's Black Sticks Assistant Coach
- Tyler Lench - Hockey, Women's Black Sticks Development Squad
- Xavier Guy - Hockey, Men's Black Sticks Development Squad.



2022 HERITAGE HOCKEY TOURNAMENT

Depending on how Covid may impact events next year, the Heritage Hockey Aotearoa Tournament will be back next year. After a very successful inaugural tournament this year, and with the successes NZISA had on the field, we look forward to fielding both Men's and Women's teams again. The event showcased high quality hockey and we hope this has enticed past and potential players to partake in 2022.

If you are a player who is interested in partaking in this event, please contact NZISA with your interest. Final selection for both teams will be confirmed early next year.



2021 NZISA Women's hockey players vs. NZ Pasifika player

Source: Yogesh Hari

2022 GOLF OPEN

The NZISA Golf Open is scheduled to be held in 2022 by the Central Districts Indian Sports Club in Dannevirke, with the final date to be confirmed early next year.

The last time the Golf Open was held in the Central region it had the most ever number of ISC players partaking in a Golf Open. NZISA would love to see a good mix of young and old players, as we know that many are now involved in the game.

We look to grow this event to become the premier Golf Open within the Indian community and hope that 2022 will be the start of greater participation and interest in this event.



2015 NZISA Golf Open participants

Source: CDISC

JUDE MENEZES ON THE MOVE

Jude Menezes, Women's Black Sticks Assistant Coach, has accepted a role as the new head coach of the Japan Women's team. Jude has been an integral part of the Hockey NZ set up since 2014 and has added an immense amount of value with his coaching and expertise with the Black Sticks goalkeepers and defensive players. Jude has had some great personal highlights with the Black Sticks including the semi-final win against England, followed by the gold medal at the Commonwealth Games in 2018, and the Oceania Cup win in 2019 which qualified the Black Sticks to the Tokyo Olympics.

Jude has had a big connection with Indian hockey in New Zealand, where he has had connections with the Pukekohe Indian Sports Club as head coach for their Men's squad.



Jude Menezes

Source: Hockey New Zealand

NZISA FACT

Soccer was introduced to QBT in 1986 which demonstrated the diversification of Indian sport as Indians had participated in soccer for some time. In 1971 Pravin Jeram, a goalkeeper who played for Auckland's Eastern Suburbs club, was selected for New Zealand in the third test against New Caledonia, and was later selected between 1975 and 1978, making 18 appearances. Jack Nathu, who played for Wellington City, was selected to tour New Caledonia in 1971 but the trip was cancelled.

Indian soccer could be dated back at to around 1982 in Wellington. After being denied admission to the Wellington Football Association Mercantile League due to lack of available grounds, WISC started its own informal competition with seven other teams who were also denied entry.

The first soccer game between two ISC's occurred in 1983 when Wellington played Auckland in an exhibition match at QBT in Pukekohe. Wellington emerged victorious but were unable to redeem their prize: vouchers to Auckland's KFC and Pizza Hut establishments. NZISA officially adopted soccer as a QBT sport in 1985 where it was played for the Pizza Hut and then Dial-A-Dino Pizza Trophies till 1996. Soccer took a break and did not reappear until 2011. It has been taken off the QBT schedule due to lack of team entries.

ISC NEWS

Auckland

For the 2021 hockey season, AISC had five Men's, one Women's, three youth (two Boys and one Girls) and 10 Junior teams. Our Women's played in the Division 3 competition and were unbeaten for the season with 101 goals and 3 against, promoting them to Division 2 next season. We have signed Stephen Jenness as the Men's coach for 2022.

We took our youth teams to Christchurch in July for five days playing local club teams. This was a very successful trip in terms of club spirit and everyone who attended had a great time. We had three players, Prashant Patel, Akshay Chauhan and Keshan Narsai selected for the Auckland Development squad, but their tournament was cancelled due to Covid.

As for cricket, we have five Men's 40 Over and two Men's 20/20 teams. Our club AGM was scheduled for November but this has been postponed to early next year due.

Bay of Plenty

BOPISC has had quite an active year. Following the Women's team win at QBT, our cricket team has taken the field and featured in the local T20 competition in November. We have been fortunate to have been able to play cricket in Covid Level 2 restrictions and this is something we are grateful for. We have had to postpone Golden Oldies for another year and will hopefully be able to host this event next year.

Planning for the NZISA Cricket Tournament is underway and we look forward to hosting this event in January. With borders being closed we haven't seen the influx of Indian students that we normally get, however we have seen numbers grow in terms of interest in playing cricket.

Central Districts

CDISC have had a good year with a full committee of three executive and four committee members. The year started off with our AGM in March which had a good turnout. We entered a Men's hockey team into the B Section for QBT where it was great to get back on the field after 2020. QBT also saw us award and recognise our two newest life members, Kanu Ravji and Sandeep Patel. Our Golden Oldies team was geared up for the event in Rotorua but with the Covid lockdown this year, are now gearing up for 2022.

Our committee is currently busy organising our 40th Anniversary Celebration which is to be held in Palmerston North on Saturday 19th March 2022 where we will celebrate the clubs history and recognise members with the presentation of CDISC Service Awards. We do extend an invitation to all NZISA member clubs. Ticket details are on our website and social media pages. CDISC will also be hosing the 2022 NZISA Golf Open in Dannevirke and are looking into a suitable date for this event.

ISC NEWS CONTINUED

Christchurch

It's been a quiet year for CISC. We were fortunate to have our Men's team play at QBT, placing 4th and retaining the T&G Shield. Club events included a quiz and pizza night and our 85th Jubilee and Annual Prizegiving was held in November. This was a great opportunity to recognise our tournament winning teams from the clubs first 50 years.

Our focus now changes to QBT 2022, the first time we will be hosting the tournament since 2007. We are all excited to be hosting everyone again soon!

North Harbour

2021 brought on a new start for North Harbour Indians. Our president of three years, Husmit Uka, took a step back which led to Paresh Bhikha being nominated. We were also fortunate to host the NZISA U23's allowing us to showcase our new home base, and to enter a Women's team in the Fast-5 Competition.

We entered our usual five Men's teams into the North Harbour winter competition, where our Division 2 Men's secured the championship with their win allowing the club to enter a team into the Division 1 grade for 2022, something our club hasn't had for sometime. Unfortunately our season was cut short and our 30th anniversary celebrations remain in limbo thanks to Covid, but we are looking forward to a fresh start and excited to enter an additional hockey team in 2022. Our club also revamped it's website, check it out at www.nhisc.org.nz

Pukekohe

We were very grateful to get out on the fields this year with the uncertain times everyone has been experiencing. We were proud to host this years NZISA Cricket Tournament in early January. We were very impressed with the calibre and support of this event which showed there is a strong backing of cricket under the NZISA cricket program. Congratulations to our Pukekohe team for taking out this tournament and to all officials and supporters on a successful tournament.

In terms of our local hockey competition, we managed to complete our junior competition and we were two weeks away from completing our senior competition. Player numbers were up from last year which was a positive and showed our members were keen to get back out on the turf. This year we were proud to enter one Junior Funsticks, three Junior Mixed, one Youth Mixed, two Senior Women's and six Senior Men's teams.

We were privileged to be able to host this years NZISA Queen's Birthday Tournament. With so many uncertainties in place, we wanted to host an event which was safe for our members and guests. Our aim was to do the basics well and everything else was a bonus. We believe it was a well attended event and we would like to thank all our supporters, guests and NZISA delegates for attending.

Unfortunately we could not celebrate our 75th Jubilee event this year due to COVID restrictions but we'll be looking to host an event in 2022 when a suitable date can be set. To finish off the year and carry us into 2022 we will be looking to hold our AGM when COVID restrictions allow, along with a Club and Supporters Day. We would like to thank all our members, supporters and NZISA for their on going support and we look forward to seeing everyone in 2022.

Waikato

In May, Waikato hosted a Pink Ribbon brunch for breast cancer awareness which was a great success. We raised nearly \$6,000 for the cause. In June we entered a Men's hockey team for QBT in Pukekohe. A great tournament was had and the boys and supporters had a fabulous time.

We also helped the Waikato Indian Association with their functions, one major event being 'Oxygen For India' where we helped raise money for the Covid pandemic in India. We also helped the Association with their 75th Jubilee celebrations, along with catering for various functions to raise money for our own club. As always we are looking for new members and look forward to the end of year to get-together with each other again.

Wellington

WISC had a fantastic 2021 even through a period of disruption with Covid-19. Our Premier Men's team finished 3rd which is a remarkable improvement from the last few years, with Hemant Lala at the helm the team improved throughout the season. They met old rivals Hutt in the semi-finals and unfortunately lost that game 2-1. What was equally as remarkable about the Premier Men's season was how club members got behind the tea each week, and as the season drew closer to an end there were more and more spectators and club members cheering the lads on, which was brought back memories for many of the glorious 2000s.

Our social teams again proved their dominance across the Wellington competition with our R1 and R2 Men's teams winning their respective competitions. We have our cricket team improving from strength to strength and they will look forward to a cracking summer coming.

NZISA AFFILIATED INDIAN SPORTS CLUBS

Auckland Indian Sports Club (Inc.) www.aisc.org.nz
Pukekohe Indian Sports Club www.pisc.co.nz
Bay of Plenty Indian Sports Club (Inc.)
North Harbour Indian Sports Club (Inc.) www.nhisc.org.nz

Central Districts Indian Sports Club (Inc.) www.cdisc.org.nz
Wellington Indian Sports Club (Inc.) www.wisc.org.nz
Christchurch Indian Sports Club
Waikato Indian Sports Club